

Regular Meeting
Recreation Commission
Borough of Rumson

October 17, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM.

Present: Jim Dengler, Chairman; Commissioners Kerry Chandler; Mike Cecil; Dan Bavuso; Margot O'Connor and Dorothy Whitehouse; Adam Cavise, Advisor; Kevin Delia, Recreation Director; Tom Rogers, Borough Administrator; Laura Atwell, Borough Council President; Rob Swikart, Borough Council Member.

Absent: Chris Hawke, Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- The minutes from the September 19th Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written were approved by Dan Bavuso and seconded by Kerry Chandler. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Russ Montalbano, Rumson resident and former rec soccer referee coordinator for Rumson Recreation, was present to discuss the suggestions he had for changing the structure of the current program for referees in Rumson. Russ spoke about his years managing the process and provided some insight on how he thinks it should be managed. Kevin Delia suggested that he email the details to him so the Recreation Commission can be prepared to discuss this at a future meeting.
- Rick Brandt, Little Silver resident, was present to discuss the flag football tournament held to benefit Lunch Break in Red Bank. Rick discussed the origination of the event. He went on to explain the divisions that have been created and the towns that are involved. A conversation continued around volunteers and the additional help Rick needed to make the event happen.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Jim Dengler announced that Chris Hawke, Vice-Chair Rumson Recreation Commission, has resigned from the commission due to his relocation to Florida. Jim continued on to commend Chris on his time and effort devoted to the Rec Commission as well as with Rumson Travel Soccer. All agreed and wished Chris well in the future.

GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR

- The treasures report for August was provided by Helen Graves, Borough of Rumson CFO to the Recreation Commission. A discussion continued surrounding the report and

specific accounts. Tom Rogers, Borough Administrator, stated that he would work with Helen to update the report in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners that he still needed help with the Halloween Parade specifically with the parade coordination. He continued to explain that he did get help from the RFH Key Club with over 20 students. Kevin stated the details of the parade route and the location of the vendors and game locations in Victory Park.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners about the end of the season soccer tournaments for all the age divisions and when they were to be played. He added that the 5/6 and 7/8 girls divisions have decided to not play an end of the season tournament due to player conflicts for that date.
- Kevin Delia asked Dan Bavuso to add some insight on the RFH Rowing meeting from October 2nd. Dan explained that there were some issues with communications between parents, the borough and the parent boosters issues will arise. Dan continued to explain that there were some concerns expressed by a few parents that expectations amongst the coaching staff and the parents are different and this is where the communication needs to be improved. He provided some details of the meeting and what other topics were discussed. The main point that Dan and Kevin asked for help with was to decide if the program should be considered a rec program, where everyone was in a boat, or a competitive rowing program, where there will be cuts and only the best participate. A conversation continued how it would be best to improve the program as the same time giving the most amount of children the opportunity to be a part of the program. A few concerns were raised regarding the safety of the participants as well as other opportunities for those participants that wouldn't be in boats during practices. Kevin asked if the conversation could be continued at next month's meeting once he gets more information from RFH regarding the rules they need to follow as it pertains to the spring club sports season. Dan added that the Rumson Boat Race raised \$9k, and most of it was through the Duck race.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission members that the Recreation Basketball coaches meeting will be held on Wednesday December 5th at 7pm in Bingham Hall. He said he would send out a sign up and asked that 3 commissioner attend to help at the draft. Kevin then asked if a committee could be created to develop a clinic structure for the kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade basketball clinics to help formalize the program. Kevin asked if two or three commissioners could step up and take this on. He also suggested that the commissioners share their experience with the new coaches to help them prepare and be ready to coach clinics. Dan Bavuso suggested holding a pre-season session for the clinic instructors to attend to watch drills in person rather than utilize handouts. Kevin asked if there were some volunteers to handle the pre-season clinic. Dorothy Whitehouse, Dan Bavuso and Mike Cecil volunteered to lead the session.
- Tom Rogers provided the Recreation Commissioners an update on the Piping Rock Park project and the work that has been done to this point. He explained the issues with the oil tank and the foundation that was left from the bottling company years prior. He said that

all of this was located under the elevated playground but minimal soil was contaminated. Tom continued to say that the savings from the storage of dirt on Martello field has now been exhausted by the discovery of the material that was hidden under the hill. Tom also went on to describe the possible plans for Meadow Ridge Center and West after the fall sports season to rehab the grass on the two playing fields. Kevin Delia explained some of the past work done on the fields at Meadow Ridge. A conversation continued on the costs associated to completely rehab current fields and past fields as well. Tom continued on with the idea that Margot O'Connor brought up at the previous meeting about the parking lot rearrangement at Meadow Ridge Park. He said it's something he has researched and thinks is a good idea that will get further attention at a later date as part of road program project.

- Kevin Delia provided the Recreation Commissioners with an updated version of the policy for pre-determined assistant coaches from last month's meeting. Kevin explained that the rewording shows that the Rec Director has final say. It was brought up that the word 'final' be added to fourth sentence of the second paragraph. Kerry Chandler made a motion to approve the policy providing the word 'final' was added and it was seconded by Dan Bavuso. All were in favor.
- Kevin Delia provided an update on the travel soccer coordinators not being able to attend the meeting. He explained that the idea was for them to come to introduce themselves and explain some ideas that they have that would be better if they explain it themselves. He said he hopes they can come to next month's meeting.
- Mike Cecil and Dorothy Whitehouse presented the names for head coaches for the newest travel basketball teams for the winter 2018. Dan Bavuso made a motion to approve Michael Polloway as the coach for the 8u Boys Mid-Monmouth Basketball team for the 2018/2019 season. Jim Dengler seconded that motion. All were in favor. Mike Cecil and Dorothy Whitehouse then proposed their selections for the 9u Girls Mid-Monmouth Basketball team for the 2018/2019 season, head coach Michael Banchi and assistants Dan Bavuso and Chad Wain. Kerry Chandler made a motion to approve the three coaches named and it was seconded by Dorothy Whitehouse. All were in favor.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commissioners for approval to name Chuck Jones as the travel baseball coordinator for the spring 2019. Dan Bavuso made a motion to approve Chuck Jones as the travel baseball coordinator. Kerry Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Kevin Delia asked if the Recreation Commissioners would like to adjust the next meeting date to avoid the Wednesday night prior to Thanksgiving. All were in favor of adjust the meeting to Wednesday November 14th and move the meeting to Bingham Hall at the same time.
- Dan Bavuso asked if there was a resolution to the issue of travel trainer fee collections. Kevin Delia said that he didn't have time to discuss this matter with the borough administrator or the borough CFO. Tom Rogers said it would be handled at some point prior to the next sports season before any new collection process would need to be instituted.

- Dorothy Whitehouse suggested possibly adding lights to the parking lot at Riverside Park to help alleviate the darkness issues that come up later in the fall season. Kevin Delia said that the likelihood of getting lights at Riverside is pretty slim, plus the issues with coaching availability to move practice sessions earlier. Tom Rogers added that the lights were part of the conversation when that park was renovated years prior but the residents surrounding the park were not in favor of it. Kevin said that he would try to get the practice sessions to end earlier to avoid them ending after dark.

PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session) 8:14pm-8:27pm and 8:38pm-8:45pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:19pm

Kerry Chandler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Margot O'Connor. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia